

Child Abduction Law Enforcement Field Packet



The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) has been addressing concerns about child abduction since 1995. OES established the California Child Abduction Task Force (Task Force) to reduce the risk and incidence of child abduction and increase the effectiveness of a multi-disciplinary response by enhancing skills, knowledge, and awareness of child abduction. The Task Force includes representatives from a broad range of professionals with expertise in the area of child abduction, including law enforcement personnel from administrators to patrol officers and county prosecutors; social service clinicians; educators; nonprofit administrators; and child advocates. All Task

Force members are considered experts in child abduction prevention and/or intervention. The Task Force meets to maintain an ongoing review of child abduction issues.

The Child Abduction Task Force has developed its 'Child Abduction First Responders Checklist', an abbreviated suggested guide for the immediate steps law enforcement officers may take in responding to the abduction of a child. Additionally, a 'Child Abduction Law Enforcement Field Packet' was created. The field packet is designed to be retained in patrol cars and distributed to law enforcement officers who typically are first responders to incidents of child abduction. The field packet contains the updated checklist, a 'Child Abduction & Risk of Danger to Child Checklist' which was created to assist officers to quickly estimate the risk of injury, death, or international abduction during the crucial initial stages of child abduction, and a 'Sample Child Abduction/Missing Child Report Worksheet' to guide the collection of information critical to the recovery of the abducted child.

These documents are available to any law enforcement organization by downloading them from this site. This document is a sample and may not be all-inclusive. Documentation requirements of local jurisdictions may vary. Sponsored by The California Child Abduction Task Force and The Governor's Office of Emergency Services Children's Section (916) 323-7449.